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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Office of Conservation
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Re: N Zone, Reservoir G
Valentine Field
Lafourche Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **APACHE CORPORATION** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the N Zone, Reservoir G, in the Valentine Field, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations and to create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the N Zone Reservoir G, in the Valentine Field, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, said unit to be designated N RG SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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5. To consider such others matters as may be pertinent.

The N Zone, Reservoir G, in the Valentine Field, is hereby defined as being that oil and gas bearing zone encountered between the depths of 8,113 feet and 8,263 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Pan American Petroleum Corporation – Ducos-Abribat No. 11 Well, located in Section 10, Township 17 South, Range 20 East, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.

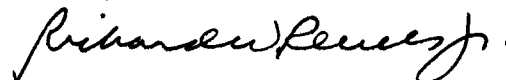
Pertinent data, including well logs, may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from W. H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Lafourche, Suite 100, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508, Telephone No. 337/232-5004.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, a pre-application conference was held on April 2, 2003, in Lafayette, Louisiana, at which the parties named on the attached list were in attendance. The conference was opened by representatives of the applicant who explained the basis of the unit being proposed. Questions were asked and answered. No counterplans were presented. The conference was then adjourned.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof are a plat outlining the applicant's proposal, the conference attendance list and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being mailed. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such plat (being the same plat attached to the notice dated March 10, 2003) and list of parties are being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the plat and/or list of parties will be furnished to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed is our check on behalf of the applicant, in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



Richard W. Revels, Jr.

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Attachments

